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In re Application of
Gregory Stephanopoulos
Application No. 10716,825
Filed: November 18, 2003
Attorney Docket No. MIN-P01-042

ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petition, filed October 2, 2006, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

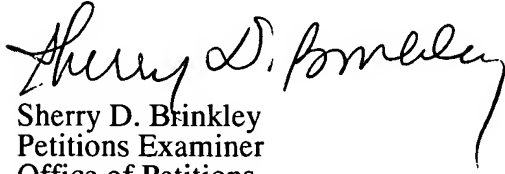
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed December 16, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. On August 17, 2006, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed. In response, on October 2, 2006 the present petition was filed.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the response in the form of an election of the invention to be examined; (2) the petition fee of \$750; and (3) the requisite statement of unintentional delay.

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 are available only if asked for "prior to or with the response." In no case, however, may an applicant respond later than the maximum time period set by statute. Accordingly, if the question of abandonment arises when the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 can no longer be used, then the application is abandoned when the unextended time for response has expired. Therefore, no extension of time fees are due on a petition for revival. In view thereof, the \$1,080 extension of time fee submitted with the petition is unnecessary and will be refunded to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. All other inquiries regarding this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1639 for consideration of the response filed October 2, 2006.



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